

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated that the information disclosure statements filed on July 8, 2003, and January 5, 2004, were not considered by because they do not include a concise explanation of the relevance of each reference that is not listed in the English language. Applicants have included herewith an information disclosure statement that includes an English abstract for DE 195 20 117 A1, an English counterpart for DE 690 21 139 T2, and a Statement of Relevancy for the article, "MTZ Motortechische Zeitschrift" which is translated, "Automotive Engineering Magazine."

The drawings are objected to because the labeling in Fig. 2 is not in English. Applicants have included with this amendment a replacement Fig.2 that includes English labeling. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 6-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Frankl. Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frankl. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2-4 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, he has stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 2, new independent claim 9 includes the limitations of claim 3 and base claim 1, new independent claim 15 includes the limitations of claim 4 and base claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1, 9 and 15 now stand in condition for allowance. Claims 3-6, 8-20, which dependent from allowable claims 1, 9 and 15, should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

The limitations of dependent claim 7 has been added to independent claims 1, 9 and 15, consequently, this claim has been canceled.

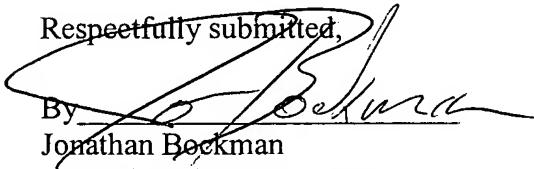
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is

determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122058100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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APPENDIX

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 2.

Attachment: Replacement sheet